

1817 David C. Colden.

married: On Wednesday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Montgomery,
David C. Colden, esq., to Miss Frances Wilkes, daughter of Charles
Wilkes, esq., - New-York Advertiser, Dec. 3, 1819. (Friday).

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DAVID CADWALLADER COLDEN.

David Cadwallader Colden, son of Cadwallader D. Colden and Maria Prevoost was born in New York, January 9, 1797. He graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., with the class of 1817; studied law with his father and was admitted to the bar in 1819. He was one of the vice-presidents of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents from 1846 until his death; one of the original Commissioners of Emigration from the organizing of that body in May, 1847, and president thereof in 1847-48, having been succeeded in 1848 by the late Gulian C. Verplanck. He superintended the carrying of the Croton water from Manhattan to Ward's Island, a valuable and difficult work which was among the last of his useful services to the Hospital and House of Refuge. As a member of the various public benevolent institutions of New York, he laboured with great earnestness to promote the objects for which they were established, and as a Commissioner of the House of Refuge and Board of Emigration frequently performed his duties in the midst of death and pestilence, regardless of the personal hazard it imposed. He always manifested a deep interest in the progress of the Fine Arts in this country, and was active in promoting their growth and prosperity. He was eminently social, generous and disinterested in his character---qualities that exacted from a wide circle of friends a full measure of respect and affection. In 1824 he was associated with Matthew C. Paterson; in 1832 he was Colonel of the 125th Regiment of New York State Infantry; in 1842 trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and in 1847 he became President of the Manhattan Gas Light Co. He married Frances, daughter of Charles Wilkes, of New York City, December 1, 1819. She was born November 27, 1796. He died April 11, 1850, without issue. Mr. William Wood in his autobiography states that Mr. Colden was " a rather grim-faced but pleasant enough gentleman."

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DAVID C. COLDEN, A.M., 1817, of New York City was a member of the Adelpic Society.
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We regret to learn that David Cadwallader Colden, esq., formerly President of the St. David's Society, and the first President of the American Dramatic Fund Association, died on Thursday afternoon. He was one of our most respected citizens, and a liberal promoter of all charitable institutions. Mr. Colden was also Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Emigration, in which situation he was eminently useful, declining no labor and no sacrifice, and performing the philanthropic duties of his station with a perseverance and energy which no difficulty could discourage, and at the same time with great practical good sense. As one of the Trustees of the House of Refuge, he was equally diligent in his labors. (N.Y. Post).

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